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LEAH MILLER HOST

From host of *MuchOnDemand* to the new host of ***So You Think You Can Dance Canada***, Miller has come a long way from the audition that landed her a job with Canada's flagship music station, MuchMusic. As a three-time host of the *MuchMusic Video Awards* and co-host of *MuchOnDemand*, Miller has interviewed some of the hottest stars and musical acts around, including Coldplay, Halle Berry, Kanye West, Rhianna and Matthew McConaughey. A music and dance aficionado, Miller tapped into the dance world at a young age. Miller danced competitively until the age of 16, an experience that gives her first-hand knowledge of the hard work and dedication it takes to become a competitive dancer.

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Chef Ramsay slams Prince Charles' organic food line

No fix for gas prices unless "catastrophic," province says

FUEL The price of oil would have to take much more of a dip than it has for the province to intervene and lower prices at the pump.

"It has to be catastrophic and we're closely monitoring the markets and the prices," said Deborah Bayer, a spokeswoman for Service Nova Scotia.

Dave Collins, vice president of Wilsons Fuel, said he expects there to be a significant drop when the new gas prices are determined at midnight on Thursday.

"I don't know how much it would be because the markets have been so volatile," he said.

Oil was at its lowest price in eight months on Monday, but it went back up a bit yesterday to \$90.06 a barrel.

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Conservative Leader and Prime Minister Stephen Harper delivers a speech to the Canadian Club of Toronto yesterday.

Harper unveils plan as Tories sink in polls

Prime Minister Stephen Harper defended his "prudent leadership" during the deepening economic slowdown and released his party platform with a week left in the election campaign as daily polls showed the Conservatives slipping in the battle for popular support.

In what could turn out to be the most critical political speech of his career, Harper yesterday cast himself as the leader who foresaw trouble long ago and acted to cushion the government's and voters' budgets from a bigger hit.

"This crisis did not begin two weeks ago. It began in

August 2007," Harper told a joint meeting of the Canadian and Empire clubs in Toronto.

The \$8-billion, four-year platform summarizes the tax cuts and targeted spending announced so far, calls for an additional \$745 million in assistance to the automotive, manufacturing and aerospace sectors, and promises a few more goodies later this week, like measures for more doctors and nurses.

Harper also yesterday unveiled a platform promise to scrap his government's controversial Bill C-10, which would have denied tax credits to film and

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video productions deemed offensive to the public.

The Tories' declining support has been linked to a perceived laissez-faire attitude toward the economy, which Harper sought to counter.

His government responded, Harper said, as early as last fall with \$60 billion in tax cuts, lower government debt, and "effective" spending, and moves like tighter mortgage regulations.

"As the saying goes, 'it wasn't raining when Noah built the ark,'" said Harper.

"Which is why when the rain came, Noah didn't need to panic and he didn't need to switch boats."

Harper's speech yesterday was almost immediately attacked by his critics as tone-deaf to the real worries of ordinary Canadians.

"The prime minister is presiding over a recession," said Liberal Bob Rae. "Everybody knows it except for him. He seems to be living in a bizarre bubble."

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Provincial employees, pony up

The civil service's United Way campaign began yesterday. This year, their goal is to raise \$450,000 for the United Way. The campaign runs until Nov. 30. **METRO HALIFAX**

Local



Average child care cost: \$6,900

Working moms, get ready to pay. A new study by the Montreal-based Institute for Research on Public Policy shows that outside Quebec, families with fulltime working moms spent an average of \$6,900 a year on preschool child care. In Halifax, it's not unusual to spend about \$700 a month, or \$8,400 on full time daycare.

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For a man who has spent the last five months running marathon-length distances to help promote a cleaner environment, Matt Hill is sounding awfully energetic.

Even over the top, some might say.

"Are you kidding me," the 40-year-old said enthusiastically when asked if he was tired. "We're just getting started."

Along with his girlfriend Stephanie Tait, the couple is running more than 17,700 kms across North America, over a full year to inspire environmental action. Titled The Run For One Planet North Ameri-

can Tour, Hill and Tait began running from Vancouver May 4, and 157 days later, are nearing the end of their cross-Canada portion with a visit to Halifax.

Hill and Tait run for three to four days, then take a day or two off to recover. When running, Hill and Tait do a combined 83.6 km, with both completing the distance of a full-marathon, which is 42.1 kms. They run a relay-style in 10 km counts, and are complete in about 12 hours.

"I was a proud Canadian already, but I'm doubly proud now," said Hill, an actor who has gone through seven pairs of sneakers during the tour.

"Not only have we gotten to see our own country at

six miles (9.6 km) an hour, but we also got to meet so many amazing people."

The goal for the tour is to inspire one million people to do something new for the earth, and to raise \$1 million for its legacy of action program, which goes towards helping to fund environmental programs at the local level.

The tour has developed a list of Top 10 action steps, which include eating local and organic food and not using plastic bags.

Hill and Tait will spend a few days in Halifax before heading to Yarmouth for their final official Canadian stop.

They'll then make their way to Maine and begin a seven-month run in the United States.



Stephanie Tait and Matt Hill from Vancouver run down Wyse Road in Dartmouth as they near the completion of the cross-Canada section of their run to promote environmentally-friendly living.

Demonstration **Save a turkey, eat tofu**



A PETA protester, dressed up in a giant turkey costume, waves at the rush-hour traffic after he and another protester unfurled a banner saying 'Thanksgiving is Murder on Turkeys.' The activists were encouraging commuters to choose a vegetarian meal for Thanksgiving.

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What's online today.

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Cape Breton mayor debate gets lively

LOCAL POLITICS Mayoral candidates in Cape Breton Regional Municipality raised the level of emotion in the election campaign during a debate at Membertou Trade and Convention Centre.

Incumbent Mayor John Morgan was more vigorous and passionate in explaining his vision for the municipality's future than he was at the first debate in

Glace Bay, forcefully suggesting that his opponents' proposals would "bring forth an avalanche of expense ... with calamitous results." Challenger Alan Nathanson went on the attack a couple of times, at one point accusing the mayor of "actively working" to make sure the two incumbent councillors who are women are not re-elected.

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E-vote stats out

CITY Google is not the Internet.

Don't laugh. No really, that was the biggest problem among e-voters during the first electronic poll for the upcoming municipal election.

People didn't know where the address should go, said e-voting project director Cathy Mellett.

"They were putting in the Google search engine instead of putting it up on the top bar," she said. "For some people that is the Internet — your Google search bar."

Every person who called the eight hotlines set up to help people vote online or by phone was successfully walked through the process Mellett added.

For the next e-vote, Mellett said voter cards will in-

clude more directions, such as how to lookup a URL address on the Internet.

The city revealed yesterday that about 10 per cent of eligible voters cast ballots in its first ever e-voting poll — that's 28,709 people.

In this advance poll, 86 per cent voted online and 14 per cent voted by phone.

Bedford had the most e-voters (14.5 per cent) and Albro Lake-Harbourview had the least (6.6 per cent).

The oldest e-voter to call the hotline was 95.

E-voters cast ballots from over 30 countries, from over 50 Canadian towns and cities, 28 states and every university in Atlantic Canada. Mellett says they were likely people away on business and vacation.

LINDSAY JONES/METRO HALIFAX

More than 10 % cast a ballot in advance polls

VOTE More people e-voted in the mayor's neighbourhood than they did in any other district in HRM.

A whopping 14.5 per cent of eligible voters in Bedford cast their ballots in the first advance poll online or by phone — that's 1,790 people who already voted for a mayor, councillor and school board representative.

Across HRM 10.3 per cent exercised the right to e-vote.

Considering that voter turnout in 2004 was just 48 per cent and in 2000 it was 36 per cent, more e-voters means a potentially large proportion of voters may have already exercised their democratic right.

That didn't faze Matthew Christie, who's running against Coun. Tim Outhit for the second time in six months.

While taking a break from door knocking to eat dinner last night, Christie said his campaign isn't slowing down and has become more focused thanks to the names of e-voters the city provided everyone with yesterday. (It doesn't disclose how people voted.)

Christie says his strategy to get out and talk to as many people as he can isn't changing, except he will now only visit or call people who haven't yet voted. **LINDSAY JONES/METRO HALIFAX**

Percentage of E-voters by district

Bedford 14.5	Woodside-Eastern Passage 10.2
Purcells Cove-Armdale 12.6	Halifax North End 10
Waverley-Fall River-Beaver Bank 11.9	Preston-Lawrencetown-Chezzetcook 9.6
Hammonds Plains-St. Margarets 11.8	Clayton Park West 9.4
Rockingham-Wentworth 11.7	Lower Sackville 9.1
Portland-East Woodlawn 11.6	Halifax Downtown 8.9
Cole Harbour 11.4	Middle and Upper Sackville-Lucasville 8.6
Connaught-Quinpool 11.1	Fairview-Clayton Park 8.5
Dartmouth Centre and East Dartmouth-The Lakes 10.7	Spryfield-Herring Cove 8.4
Timberlea-Prospect 10.5	Eastern Shore-Musquodoboit Valley 6.8
Northwest Arm-South End 10.4	Albro Lake-Harbourview 6.6

Unsure who deserves your vote in the Oct. 18 municipal election? FUSION Halifax has invited municipal candidates to a casual meet-and-greet event tomorrow at 6 p.m., at Pier 21. For more information, visit www.fusionhalifax.com/elections. METRO HALIFAX

Environment hot topic at meet

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DEVIN STEVENS
for Metro Halifax

Halifax West High School students questioned their federal candidates yesterday morning, and the major focus was the environment.

"You know, at your age, better than most people that (the environment) is a serious, urgent problem," incumbent Geoff Regan said.

Candidates from the four political parties answered submitted student questions for about an hour, tackling topics like the economy, Afghanistan, and health care. The forum's moderator said the majority of questions were about the environment.

Regan outlined the Liberals Green Shift, saying the government would tax polluters while giving tax breaks to citizens and green companies. The NDP's Tamara Lorincz blasted the Liberals and Conservatives for their inaction, saying her party would introduce a cap and trade emission system.



(Left to right) Conservative candidate Rakesh Khosla, Tamara Lorincz from the NDP, Green candidate Michael Munday and Liberal MP Geoff Regan square off yesterday at an all-candidates debate at Halifax West high school.

The Green Party's Michael Munday talked about a cap and trade system combined with a carbon tax. Conservative Rakesh Khosla said his party has invested \$1.6 billion on green technology, and will cut emissions 20 per cent by 2020.

Eric Fertsman, 16, can't

vote this time around, but said he was leaning Liberal before the forum. He said either Regan or the Green Party's Munday won the debate.

"I don't really remember what the questions were because most of them went off a little bit and they talked

about something completely different," Fertsman said.

Stephanie Munroe, 16, said she was most interested in the politicians' education ideas. She feels better informed now.

"I knew the names of them, I knew who was running for what party, but I

didn't know what they stood for," Munroe said, adding that she's now divided between the NDP and Green Party.

"Now I know a little bit more and I'm kind of undecided. Maybe it's a good thing I'm not ready to vote yet."

Gambling rivals at odds over responsibility

DEVIN STEVENS
for Metro Halifax

Men in ghoulish masks protested yesterday after Halifax business leaders listened to the head of Nova Scotia Gaming talk about responsible gambling.

One of the men, GameOverVLTs.com's Terry Fulmer, said the Nova Scotia Gaming Corp. looking out for gambling addicts is "like the fox say-

ing how deeply they care for the chicken's welfare."

The comments came after president and CEO, Marie Mullally, outlined the Gaming Corporation's latest responsible gambling projects. She said programs are in high schools and universities to keep young people from gambling. The Corp. spent almost \$8 million on gambling programs last year.

Mullally also talked about a new responsible gambling website, calling

it the first of its kind.

"It provides information about setting time limits, budgeting and knowing the odds," Mullally said.

"Players can track gambling activity and spending habits to better manage their play."

For the first time ever, Fulmer said the corporation is doing things that may help addicts. But he said the Gaming Corporation should not be in charge of promoting responsible gambling.

"It should be taken into government and funded completely by the Health Department so the conflict of interest is not there," Fulmer said. "We can carry on and start thinking about treatment."

Fulmer also doubted how effective the new website will be.

"Self-regulating is something (addicts) have a problem with. That's the basis of their problem," Fulmer said.



Marie Mullally, President and CEO of the Nova Scotia Gaming Corporation, speaks yesterday.



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Top cop honoured for busts

CAPE BRETON The outgoing Cape Breton Regional Police Chief, Dave Wilson, was commended yesterday for overseeing the largest amount of drug busts in the island's history.

"His success in tackling drug and related crimes has been phenomenal,"

said Justice Minister Cecil Clarke.

The force has seized almost \$1 million in drugs over the last year and many drug houses have been closed.

Wilson's retirement comes about eight months after he took the top job.

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News in brief

ARREST RCMP arrested a second man in relation to a weekend stabbing in Middle Sackville. An 18-year-old man is facing charges of assault with a weapon, assault causing bodily

harm, and possession of a weapon. Two people, a man and a woman, were stabbed while attending a party at a residence on Fenerty Road in Middle Sackville.

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Streetscape plan given OK for two areas

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MUNICIPAL Council agreed to prioritize burying power and telephone lines on Spring Garden and Quinpool roads yesterday.

Staff made the recommendation to council in response to a five-year streetscape plan for downtown Halifax and a feasibility study based on an evaluation of five criteria in four areas of the city: Ochterloney Street, Spring Garden Road, Quinpool Road and Gottingen Street.

Dartmouth Coun. Gloria McCluskey said Ochterloney, which scored a mere 50 points in the evaluation, "got the short end of the stick."

"When we first talked about this it was about Spring Garden, Quinpool and Dartmouth — Ochterloney Street — and of course it was left out of the picture," she said.

The decision also means establishing an annual funding review to look at other opportunities and costs, including Wyse Road.

Downtown Coun. Dawn Sloane said she hopes to see Gottingen Street — which scored 70 points, the same as Quinpool Road — made a priority. Spring Garden Road scored 84.

"One that I would like added, if possible, as soon as possible would be Gottingen Street," she said.

The plan includes putting power and phone lines underground on Spring Garden Road from Queen to South Park Street, and Quinpool Road, from Robie to Verner streets.

Council approved a plan for the long-term future of Point Pleasant Park at last night's council meeting.

The 300-plus page document is meant to be a guideline for the future restoration and improvements to the park. It gives direction on how to keep the park healthy, schedule renewal projects and manage its historical features.

Some of the plans include upgrading gateways and entrances to the park, reviving historic trails and views, and installing drinking fountains and wireless Internet access.

Citadel clock to get makeover

HERITAGE A Halifax landmark is due for a facelift.

The federal government put out a tender to refurbish the town clock at the Citadel for fire protection.

They're willing to pay between \$500,000 and \$1 million to build a concrete diesel generator building, install a new fire pump, as well as rebuild the steps and pathways.

A new public viewing platform will also be installed.

The tender closes on Oct. 23rd and work is expected to be finished within 33 weeks of accepting the offer. In the tender notice, bidders are encouraged to look at the site on Oct. 16th to get a good idea of what they're in for.

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Council rules to raise cab costs

TRURO Catching a cab in Truro is going to cost more.

Truro town council unanimously approved a recommendation from its new taxi fare advisory committee.

Layton's Taxi made a request for increases in June due to a jump in its expenses. Council approved an increase in the drop rate from \$2.80 to \$3 compared to the requested \$3.10.

The per-mile rate will be \$2.20, which is less than the proposed \$2.25. The hourly rate is up a toonie to \$20, which was the requested increased.

The changes take affect Oct. 14.

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Government should help industry: Poll

FORESTRY The majority of Canadians in all regions of the country agree or somewhat agree that governments should provide financial aid to keep more forest companies from closing.

The results of a new poll by Nanos Research for the Communications, Energy and Paperworkers Union of Canada (CEP) showed that 60 per cent of Canadians agreed or somewhat agreed that federal and provincial governments should financially support the forest industry to prevent more companies from failing.

Just 32.1 per cent disagreed or somewhat disagreed with government support for forestry companies.

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Back to jail for sexual assailant

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Parole was revoked for the 24-year-old man convicted of a brutal sexual assault in Halifax.

Scott Andrew McAuley was sentenced in 2005 to seven years in prison for aggravated sexual assault.

The prison term stemmed from a 2004 incident in which he offered to escort a woman to her car, after drinking and smoking marijuana.

She was attacked from behind, and assaulted physically and sexually. Several bones in her face were broken and she spent

three days in the hospital.

While on parole, his records show, he reported he was considering an intimate relationship. Within a month later, he was living with a woman and "dealing with the stress of an unplanned pregnancy."

A psychological assessment in August stated his

risk wasn't manageable in the community.

The police said they didn't support his return.

"Your return to deceitful and manipulative behaviours indicates a regression of earlier gains, increasing your level of risk," the parole board wrote in its decision last week.

Conditions

- McAuley was released from prison in May 2008 on full parole with conditions such as reporting any relationships and abstaining from drugs and alcohol.



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Admit it — you wish you still got candy at Halloween. According to a survey done for Nestle, 51 per cent of women and 37 per cent of men admit to sneaking candy out of their kids' Halloween stash. Dads got away with it more than moms, though. METRO HALIFAX

Poker for tuition dismissed

Dalhousie, Saint Mary's won't endorse CBU-supported gambling site

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The Cape Breton University Students' Union is endorsing a poker website that has students play to win money for tuition, but two universities in Halifax aren't following suit.

No money is put up front, but students at CBU register and play in poker tournaments to win tuition money or bursaries.

Chris MacDougall, students' union president at Saint Mary's University, said he wouldn't support a

"I don't believe our students' union would want us to be encouraging our students to gamble for (tuition)."

Courtney Larkin

similar site on his campus.

"I think our focus would be less on endorsing programs like that and more advocating for students and accessibility," he said.

He defended CBU by saying they're targeting students who are already playing poker, only now they can play to achieve a purpose instead of playing to

pass the time.

CBU Students' Union president Matt Stewart could not be reached for comment yesterday.

Saint Mary's University is planning a two-day awareness campaign on several issues — including gambling — but MacDougall said gambling isn't a problem there.

"I've never heard any specific stories of students gambling to try to make tuition," he said.

"It was something mentioned by Student Services that gambling is something on the rise in the province, not necessarily on our campus."

According to the Nova Scotia Gaming Corporation, young adults have the highest risk of developing gambling problems, and they often begin gambling between 10 and 19 years of age.

Gambling doesn't seem to be much of a problem at

Dalhousie University either, said Courtney Larkin, Dalhousie Student Union president.

"We take a strong stand on gambling," she said. "We don't allow any poker tournaments in the building or anything like that."

Some of her friends go out to the casino on occasion, but they're not doing so in the hopes of paying for university costs, she added.

"I don't believe our students' union would want us to be encouraging our students to gamble for (tuition)," she said.

Body of missing man, 57, found

DISCOVERY The body of 57-year-old Raymond Wayne Lattie has been found.

The body of Lattie, who went missing from his home on Union Street in Westville at 2 a.m. last Saturday, was discovered just before 8 a.m. yesterday morning.

A hunter notified police that he had spotted a truck matching the description of Lattie's red 1990 Chevrolet on Lovat Road in the Millbrook area of Pictou County.

Pictou County District RCMP found the body a short distance from the truck.

No foul play is suspected at this time.

NEW GLASGOW NEWS

Union wary of private contracts at new hospital

JOB Unionized hospital workers are concerned about the future of employment at Colchester County's new regional hospital.

During Monday's provincial Day of Action, Canadian Union of Public Employees representatives voiced concern about the potential for the new hospital's cafeteria services being contracted out. The Colchester East Hants Health Authority issued a call this summer for those interested in delivering the service.

"We all know it could snowball, and that's the fear of the local," said Linda Moore, first vice-president of Local 2525.

CUPE Nova Scotia's president agrees.

"Some big corporation isn't coming here just to manage cafeteria services," Danny Cavanagh said outside the current hospital on Willow Street. "They'll want all the food services,

"Some big corporation isn't coming here just to manage cafeteria services. They'll want ... anything they can get their hands on to make money."

Danny Cavanagh

all the laundry, anything they can get their hands on to make money."

He said contracting out services never saves money and results in lower-paying jobs that hurt the economy.

The health authority has said it is just trying to provide more efficient service.

Cavanagh also said money raised by the To Our Health Campaign could go to businesses, despite the fact the money is being used to build the new facility and not fund operational costs. CAPE BRETON POST

Accident Two injured in crash



A tow-truck operator hauls away a car involved in a two-vehicle collision at the intersection of Connaught Avenue and Almon Street yesterday. One of the vehicles ended up smashing a tree on the median. Two people were treated by paramedics for minor injuries.

Joggins woman saves family home from demolition order

COUNCIL Thanks to county council, a Joggins woman will have two months to make repairs to her family home in an effort to save it

from the wrecking ball.

Pleading her case during a public hearing, Jeannie Burbine told Cumberland County council she still has attachments to the home she raised six kids in, even though it hasn't been lived in for approxi-

mately 10 years.

"This is my house I had with my husband. I haven't been in there since my husband died, but I'd like to have a chance to make it look presentable," Burbine said.

A demolition order was

scheduled for the property for no later than Oct. 31.

Despite this, nine of the county's 10 councillors voted for a motion that would allow Burbine to have until Nov. 30 to make any repairs.

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Hells Angel gets 11 years

An Ontario court sentenced a Hells Angels biker to 11 years in prison yesterday, after he was found guilty under what prosecutors call the "boss law" for directing others to commit crimes for the benefit of a criminal organization. A prosecutor said he believes it is the first sentence ever levied under the law. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

Canada

New test can't be cheated: Psychologists

SCIENCE University of Toronto psychologists say they've developed a personality test that will reveal your true colours even if you lie to it.

Researchers say the rapid-fire computer quiz will allow companies to confidently hire the most productive employees based on traits such as emotional stability.

A study on the new test was published in Journal of Research in Personality.

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Toronto \$9M lawsuit



George Lochner, seen here with lawyer Clayton Ruby and pictures of his injuries on the door, is suing Toronto police for \$9 million in damages. Lochner, who suffers from cerebral palsy, claims officers used excessive force when they barged into his bedroom Aug. 11 and shocked him with a Taser.



Tanning ban for minors?

Ontario Health Minister David Caplan said yesterday that province will consider banning the use of tanning beds by minors. The announcement came after a report by the Canadian Cancer Society that artificial tanning facilities in Toronto are not following Health Canada's voluntary safety guidelines.

METRO NEWS SERVICES

Suspect charged with second sex assault

JEFF CUMMINGS
Metro Canada

"Corrections Service Canada will launch an investigation into this incident and we'll fully cooperate."

Mike Boyd, Edmonton Police Chief

In the wake of a child abduction on the weekend and the shocking revelation of a similar attack on Friday, Edmonton's top cop said yesterday police were aware of a convicted sexual offender who lived in an apartment building with children.

No notification to the public was ever made about the offender's release because a risk assessment done by police wasn't conducted after the offender's release, said Police Chief Mike Boyd.

And an assessment was-

n't done because city cops never received a package of information from Corrections Service Canada, Boyd added.

"Corrections Service Canada will launch an investigation into this incident and we'll fully cooperate," said Boyd.

Jeff Campbell, a CSC spokesman, says "it appears that full notification may not have been made" with police.

Danial Todd Gratton,

44, was released from parole back in March after completing a voluntary treatment for sexual offenders, said Det. Doug MacLeod with the Edmonton police high-risk offenders' section.

Gratton — already charged with abducting and sexually assaulting a seven-year-old girl in the city's north end Sunday — is now accused of assaulting another girl Friday night.

News in brief

ONTARIO A simple apology from a doctor, a neighbour, a business or a hospital that has made a serious mistake can often keep people out of court or help them settle lawsuits more quickly. That's the thinking be-

hind the Apologies Act proposed yesterday by Ontario Attorney General Chris Bentley, who said the law would mean apologies could no longer be used as admissions of guilt in civil court cases.

SENTENCED A Hells Angels associate has been sentenced to six years in prison after police made what is described as Canada's largest seizure of date rape drug GHB from his Toronto garage. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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Layton goes back in time

NDP Leader Jack Layton has raised the spectre of the Great Depression to emphasize the serious economic situation facing Canada.

"The economy is in a very difficult time right now by virtually every measure," Layton told a news conference in Vancouver yesterday.

"Mr. Harper's response to the crisis in the banking sys-

tem is to say that everything is fine, nothing needs to change, and there are no problems.

"R.B. Bennett couldn't have said it better himself in 1930."

Bennett was Canada's Conservative prime minister from 1930-35, during the worst of the so-called Dirty Thirties.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Stéphane Dion brings his energized campaign to Toronto today on a mission to persuade voters that a Liberal government is the best custodian of a troubled economy.

The Liberal leader will deliver that message in a noon-hour address today to a joint meeting of the Empire and Canadian clubs, a day after Prime Minister Stephen Harper spoke to the same forum.

Dion is hoping the back-to-back visits will allow voters to contrast his own plan to bolster the economy with Harper's "laissez-faire" attitude he says will prove costly for Canadians.

"Since the beginning of this election, I have talked about jobs, your jobs. Stephen Harper failed at his job," Dion told a spirited rally in Vancouver yes-



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Stéphane Dion

terday morning.

"Not only because he has no plan to fight the economic turmoil we are facing, but because he did not prepare the country. He did nothing."

Dion offered some examples of the kinds of measures that Canadians might expect under the Liberals'

30-day economic strategy if they form government.

He said a Liberal government would consider letting seniors suspend mandatory withdrawals from their retirement funds to avoid sharp losses at a time when stock markets are down.

"In these times of economic turmoil, I know many seniors are worried about having to withdraw their registered retirement income funds in a depressed market," he said.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Heard on the Street: Has the election campaign made you change your mind on which party you will vote for?

From Metro newsrooms across Canada

Rachelle MacDonald
age 21,
Fall River

A: Yes. I didn't really know who I was going to vote for until I watched the debate. When I watched the debate, that's where I got my idea.



Kurt Hunter
age 20,
Halifax

A: I've heard more about the U.S. election than the Canadian one. The last election, I remember hearing a lot more. My party is Conservative. That's who I'm going to vote for.



Kara Nickerson
age 22,
Halifax

A: No, it hasn't. I've always believed in my party and its values. They stay very close to what they usually are.



Marie-André Bédard
age 37,
Montreal

A: No. Politicians saying, "He's no good, I'm better," don't change my mind at all. I make my mind up with what parties have done in the past, on leaders' opinions and from the news.



CJ Symons
age 21,
Ottawa

A: This campaign has shown me that regardless of what face has power, the parliamentary system will only work for those who own wealth and to participate in it would just legitimize this circus, so I'm not going to vote.



Marcus Sagar
age 34,
Toronto

A: No, it hasn't. I'm still undecided. I don't think there's one leader who has said anything different.



Elaine Siltala
age 51,
Edmonton

A: I would say that after the debate, I am heavily in favour of voting for (Stephen) Harper. I am pleased with what he is doing for Canada.



Paulina Gostomski
age 20,
Vancouver

A: The campaigning hasn't influenced me. I've always voted NDP. I think they care more about working class people than the Liberals or Conservatives.



Metro Life Panel

Answers from the Metro Life Panel, based on 507 respondents.

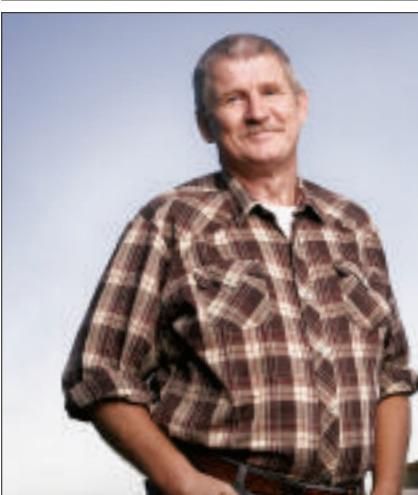
Yes: 125 – 24.7%

No: 382 – 75.3%

News in brief

COPYCAT In the latest twist in the plagiarism wars, the Conservatives say Liberal Leader Stéphane Dion lifted parts of a speech he gave at the United Nations conference on climate change in Montreal in 2005. In an address on the Arctic, Dion quoted passages from a report on the effects of global warming conducted under the auspices of the Arctic Council. Dion did reference the UN report in his remarks, but the Tories say he plagiarized because similar passages from the report were presented to a U.S. Senate committee the year before by Robert Correll, who was in charge of the Arctic council's study.

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Nature inspires new products in 'biomimic' study

The Alpine edelweiss flower may hold clues to making better sunscreen, while oyster shells could give hints about storing greenhouse gases in an emerging industrial revolution that mimics nature, said Achim Steiner, head of the UN Environment Program, said yesterday in giving findings of a UNEP "biomimicry" project identifying 100 new ideas from nature.

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World/Business

McCain, Obama duel over taxes, economy

Republican John McCain and Democrat Barack Obama battled over taxes at their second presidential debate last night but agreed middle-class workers are fearful about their economic future and need quick and lasting help.

With U.S. financial institutions reeling under what Obama called the worst crisis since the Great Depression, the presidential rivals differed on their approach to healing the economy.

"Americans are angry, they're upset and they're a little fearful," McCain said in the debate in Nashville, four weeks ahead of the Nov. 4 election. "We don't have trust and confidence in our institutions."

Mccain proposed a new government program which would buy mort-

gages from homeowners facing financial problems and replace those mortgages with new, fixed-rate mortgages.

"Americans are angry, they're upset and they're a little fearful."

Senator John McCain

Obama said middle-class workers, not just Wall Street, needed a rescue package that would include tax cuts.

"We are in the worst financial crisis since the Great Depression, and a lot of you I think are worried about your jobs, your pensions, your retirement accounts," he said.

Mccain portrayed Obama

as an eager supporter of higher taxes who was unwilling to buck his own party, while Obama said McCain's policies would help the wealthy and strand workers at the bottom of the economic ladder.

"Nailing down Senator Obama's various tax proposals is like nailing Jello to the wall," McCain said.

Obama responded with a crack about McCain's campaign bus.

"The Straight Talk Express lost a wheel on that one," Obama said. He added his plan would only tax those making more than \$250,000 US a year, and most small businesses would not be affected.

He also has a proposal for a tax cut that he said would cover 95 per cent of Americans.

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News in brief

SARS Taiwan legislators wearing surgical masks and displaying skull-and-crossbones banners took over parliament's floor yesterday after the island's security chief accused China of starting the global SARS epidemic six

years ago as part of a biological warfare campaign. The security chief offered no conclusive evidence to support these claims.

COURT A B.C. man charged with abusing a nine-year-old

boy in Thailand made his first court appearance yesterday in Bangkok. Christopher Paul Neil, 32, was arrested in 2007 after an international manhunt, CBC News Online reports.

METRO NEWS SERVICES

Empowering African women

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Ritha Abemba walked over dead bodies and witnessed people getting shot at the age of seven as she and her family escaped the conflict-ridden Democratic Republic of Congo for the Kakuma refugee camp in Kenya.

"When I think about how we fled out, I can't avoid crying with so much bitterness," Abemba said.

But this past September, the 20-year-old enrolled into her first semester at the University of Winnipeg after being sponsored by the World University Service of Canada (WUSC) — a non-governmental organization that links Canadian universities and colleges with refugees worldwide.

Abemba is the 1000th student the WUSC has brought over to study in Canada.

"Educating women is the key to development in Africa," said Jacob Mapemba, the WUSC's Malawi country director.

The NGO has introduced gender-sensitive curriculum in sub-Saharan African classrooms, educating girls as a way of speeding up development in the region.

Mapemba says the gender-sensitive curriculum in



Girls in African nations like Malawi can benefit from a gender-sensitive curriculum — something that experts say can help speed up development across the continent.

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primary and secondary schools entails empowering young girls by illustrating them in a positive light.

"In the old curriculum, boys would be seen as being successful, being powerful and girls would always be seen as lagging behind boys," Mapemba said.

The WUSC has been around for six decades and currently works with 70 Canadian campuses and in 17 countries worldwide, including Malawi, a southeastern African nation.

Like many other coun-

tries in sub-Saharan Africa, Malawi's economy runs on agriculture and employs 75 per cent women. Mapemba says for these agriculture-based economies to become more productive, educating women is key so they're familiar with the latest technologies used in growing and harvesting crops.

"If women were well educated here, African nations wouldn't remain at the bottom of the economic ladder," said Joyce Phekani, of the Malawi-based Centre for Alternatives for Victimized Women and Children.

Ali Zafar is a Canadian journalist currently based in Malawi, where he works the Nation newspaper through Journalists for Human Rights.

Business

Business in brief

GAS Prices at the pumps are on their way down, averaging \$1.14 per litre, falling below \$1 in Ottawa. The steep drop is due to fierce competition in Ontario, one expert said, and Alberta should soon follow suit.

TAKEOVER The Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan's \$52-billion leveraged buyout of BCE may be snared amid speculation that backing bank Royal Bank of Scotland needs government help.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Global bailouts continue as Fed issues dire warning

The U.S. Federal Reserve stepped forward as a last-resort commercial lender and signalled a readiness to cut interest rates as governments around the world scrambled to stem the growing credit crisis.

The Fed created a new commercial paper facility that would buy short-term, highly rated corporate debt, in a program that falls outside the \$700 billion US rescue plan approved by Congress on Friday.

Chairman Ben Bernanke said the U.S. economy was being battered by a financial crisis of "historic dimension" and that the risk for inflation has eased with the falling prices for oil and other commodities.

Financial shares tumbled, led by Bank of America Corp., a day after the largest

U.S. bank said it would sell \$10 billion US in new stock and stoked fears that other banks may also need to raise capital.

Russia negotiated an emergency bailout for Iceland and unveiled an aid package for its own banks, Australia slashed interest rates by 1 point to 6 per cent, and today, Britain is to announce a massive injection of public funds into banks.

REUTERS

In Toronto...

The S&P/TSX composite index dropped nearly 4 per cent yesterday, ending down 400.88 points, or 3.9 per cent, at 9,829.55. It dropped for the fifth straight day to close below 10,000 for the first time since July 2005.

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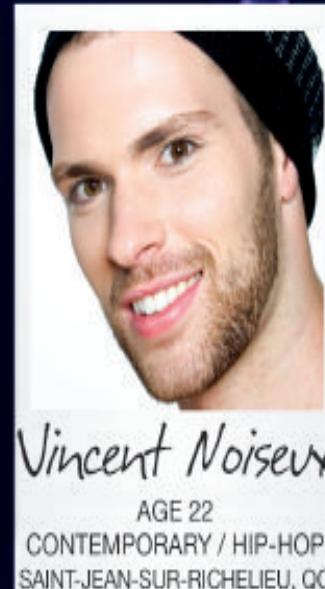
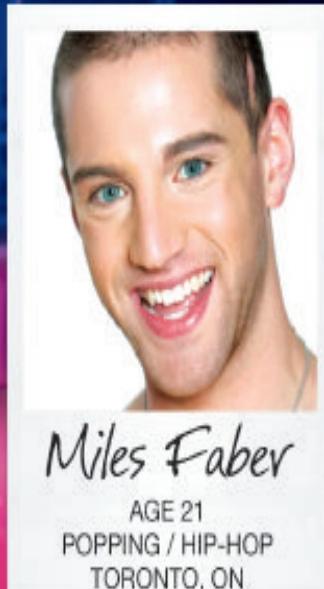
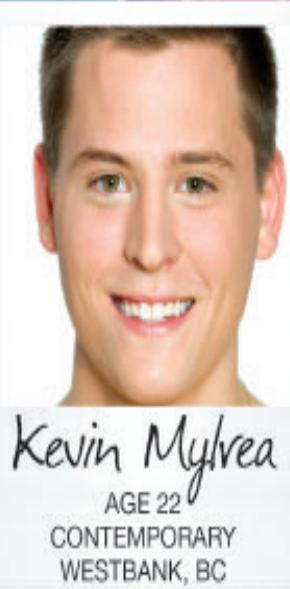
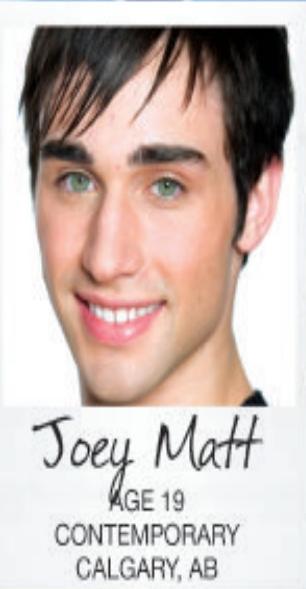
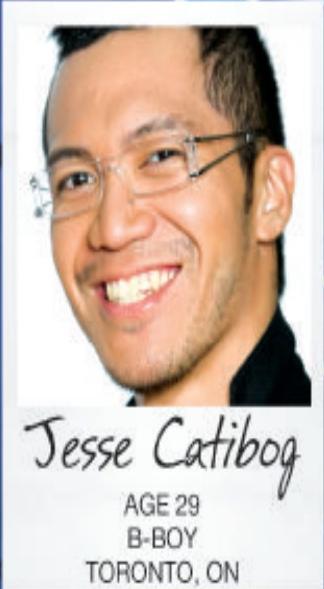
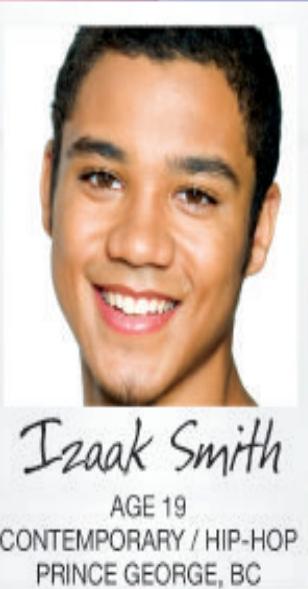
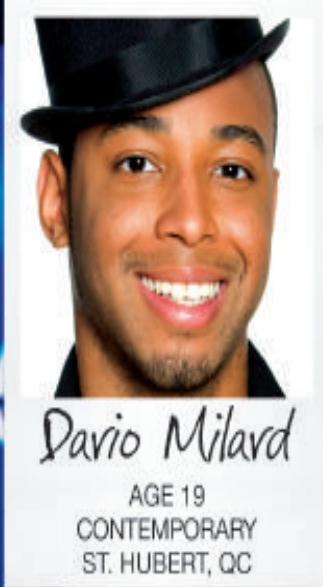
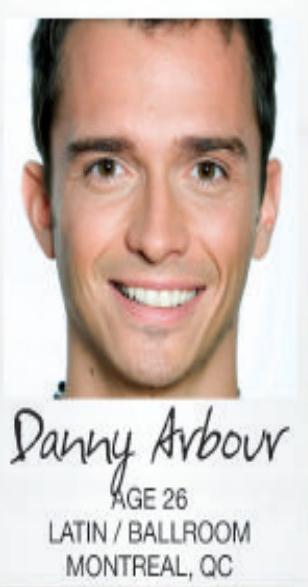
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A large group of 20 young adults, mostly women in black dance attire, are posed together on a stage. They are arranged in several rows, some standing on chairs or boxes. The background features a blue and pink digital screen with the words "SO YOU THINK YOU CAN DANCE Canada". In the bottom right corner, there is a graphic for CTV (Canadian Television Network) with the letters "CTV" in red, white, and blue.

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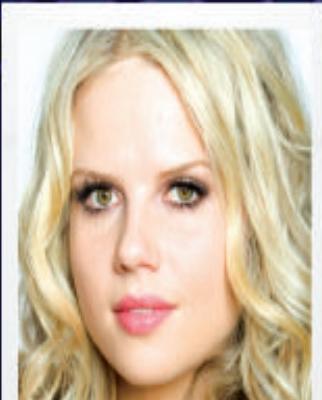
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The audition tour travelled to Calgary next where the judges were blown away by the strong technique of prairie dancers. After Calgary, the auditions stopped in Montreal. With a well-established hip hop and contemporary communities, the dancers were in top form in La Belle Province!

The audition tour wrapped up in Toronto where thousands of dancers filled city sidewalks. With an eclectic turn out – from street dancers to studio dancers – Torontonians wowed the judges.

The top dancers from each city met at Finals Week – a fiercely competitive process where the dancers had to learn choreography, perform their own solos and stay up all night developing group routines.

After an incredibly intense week of dancing, the judges chose their Top 20 to kick off the inaugural season of **So You Think You Can Dance Canada!** Over the next few weeks, the Top 20 Dancers will compete for your votes.

Only you can decide who will become Canada's favourite dancer. Get ready to vote, Canada!

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Thursday, October 9	Results	Wednesday, November 12	Top 10
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Thursday, October 16	Results	Wednesday, November 19	Top 8
Wednesday, October 22	Top 16	Thursday, November 20	Results
Thursday, October 23	Results	Wednesday, November 26	Top 6
Wednesday, October 29	Top 14	Thursday, November 27	Results
Thursday, October 30	Results	Wednesday, December 3	Top 4
Wednesday, November 5	Top 12	Thursday, December 4	Finale



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Lions lose to Mariners

The Halifax Lions lost 6-4 to the Yarmouth Mariners in Maritime Junior A Hockey League action last night at the Forum. Chad Locke had a hat trick and Jonathan McArthur added a single as the Lions dropped to 2-7-2, second last in the league.

METRO NEWS SERVICES

Clock ticking for Halifax City

Veteran returns from British Columbia to help club win nationals

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It may be now or never for Halifax City Coldwell Banker.

City, Nova Scotia's dominant senior men's soccer team the past half decade, is loaded with veteran talent and has been to four Challenge Cups in the past five years.

But the club has yet to win a national medal, and is looking to end that trend this week in St. John's, N.L. — before it's time for their older players hang up the cleats.

"The window of opportunity is shrinking," City head coach Darrell Cormier admitted. "Every time you go to nationals, you put it on the line to win a medal, but it bothers them a bit that they haven't won one ... and they are getting older."

"It's certainly a driving

force."

City, which advanced to nationals by stunning unbeaten Halifax Dunbrack in the provincial final, opens the tournament today against Manitoba at 8:30 a.m. They play P.E.I. tomorrow, Alberta on Friday and Saskatchewan on Saturday.

If City is first in its pool following the four round-robin contests, it plays for gold on Saturday at 12:30 p.m.

"We've got a favourable draw thanks to the work they did last year (placing fourth)," Cormier said. "We have the ability to beat every one of those teams and win the pool."

City is led by provincial MVP Kristin Kirincich, a striker who potted 13 goals, and all-star keeper Graham Little. Standout defender Christoph Barrow, midfielders Kevin Steeves and Brian Francis, and striker Mat Budreski



Christoph Barrow, right, is making the trip back from B.C. to compete in this week's Challenge Cup.

are among 10 mainstays who have buoyed City over the past half-decade.

Barrow, who plays for the British Columbia Thunderbirds, is travelling coast-to-coast to be in the

lineup.

Key defender Matt Britner and striker Dylan Sheehan will not be with City at nationals, but Cormier said everyone else is on board and he expects

"This is the first time we've gone to nationals with 20 guys, with most of us healthy."

Darrell Cormier

that depth to come in handy.

"This is the first time we've gone to nationals with 20 guys, with most of us healthy," Cormier said. "That's a big plus. Never before have we had so many weapons ready to go."

Last year's fourth-place finish was City's highest at nationals, and Cormier said the team has been disappointed with its past placings. This week, they have high expectations.

"I think we have the potential to take a medal home with us," Cormier said. "I'm looking forward to it."

Rainmen banking on big draft pick

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PBL The Halifax Rainmen will pick second overall in next week's Premier Basketball League draft.

The Rainmen, who won the pick in a random draw yesterday afternoon, will make their selection on Oct. 16 in Chicago after



the Detroit Panthers choose No. 1 overall.

"We're looking for a player who can help us win every night," said Rainmen co-owner Andre Levingston. "Hopefully, we can land a big with it. The bigs are the hard ones to find."

The draft is two rounds, with 13 picks per round. The Rainmen pick again in the 25th spot in the zig-zag format.

Halifax has an empty roster, but retains exclusive PBL signing rights to Eric Crookshank, Brian Silverhorn, Jimmy Twyman and Kadiri Richards from last year's team.

Sports in brief

FOOTBALL The unbeaten Saint Mary's Huskies are third in Canadian Interuniversity Sport's latest football ranking, the same position they have held since the pre-season. The Huskies, 5-0, host the Montreal Carabins on Saturday.

HOCKEY The Saint Mary's Huskies and Dalhousie Tigers debuted in Canadian Interuniversity Sport's women's hockey ranking tied at 10th. The McGill Martlets were No. 1 and the St. Francis Xavier X-Women were No. 5.

METRO HALIFAX

One year older, one year wiser

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SOCER Halifax City Salty's hopes a little experience will go a long way.

City was a rookie-laden club last year when it placed sixth at the Jubilee Trophy Canadian senior women's soccer championship in Halifax, but at this week's event in St. John's, N.L., they have a much better idea of what to expect.

"For a lot of the girls, it was their first time at nationals last year, and that experience is going to help us," City head coach Carl Hayre said.

"We were able to see the level the other provinces play, and we know where

we have to raise our level."

In addition to last year's experience, Salty's also added two pressure-tested veterans in the off-season in midfielder Mary Beth Bowie and defender Ally Read.

Both players joined City from now-defunct Halifax Athens, and both have won national gold and silver medals.

The pair have also earned spots on the provincial all-star team this summer.

"They have a calming factor on the field when we're under pressure," Hayre said.

"They're a great outlet to get the ball to because they'll settle it down until we're organized."

A handful of players

from the team that won provincials in August won't be at nationals this week, including all-stars Rachel Swetnam and Laurel Fouger.

Both are away playing university soccer with the Ottawa Gee Gee's.

"We'll miss them," Hayre admitted.

Striker Nkem Ezurike, who scored five goals this summer, will be in the lineup for the round-robin contests but will miss Sunday's placement game because she is joining the national junior team to train for the FIFA under-17 World Cup.

City faces Alberta today at 4 p.m., then plays Newfoundland tomorrow and British Columbia on Friday.



Nkem Ezurike, right, and the Halifax City Salty's are hoping that a year's worth of experience and the addition of a few veterans will give them the edge they need at the Jubilee championships.

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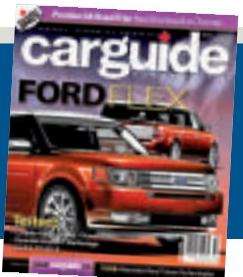
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Ford Flex packs punch

Stylish crossover a front-runner in its class

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With a long list of innovations and style unique to its class, Ford's full-sized 2009 Flex crossover is bold and refreshing. At first glance it appears to be incongruous with rising gasoline prices. But gas-sipping microcars aren't ideal for everyone — especially those who regularly carry up to a half dozen passengers and their luggage or sports equipment.

Among the current crop of SUVs, pickup trucks and even crossover-utility vehicles, the Flex is an out-of-the-box front-runner.

Offered in Canada in two trim levels, it starts at \$34,999 for the well-equipped front wheel-drive SEL, and runs to \$42,999 for the all-wheel-drive Limited.

Power is delivered via Ford's smooth 3.5-litre V6 Duratec engine linked to an equally smooth, six-speed automatic transmission that it shares with the Taurus X. It makes 262 hp at 6,250 rpm and 248 lb-ft of torque at 4,500 revs.

Ford projects fuel econo-



With a long list of innovations and style unique to its class, Ford's full-sized 2009 Flex crossover is bold and refreshing.

my numbers of 12.6 L/100 km (city) and 8.4 L/100 km (hwy) for the front-wheel-drive Flex and 13.5 (city) and 9.5 (hwy) with AWD. Flex will be available next year with the turbocharged

ecoBoost engine.

Inside, the Flex seats six (or seven, with the no-cost optional second row 60/40 folding bench seat) with ample space and comfort and upscale features and details. Thoughtful features include coat-and-grocery bag hooks and storage compartments throughout.

Class-leading technologies include SYNC, voice-activated navigation with reverse camera system, premium Sony sound system and 'surprise-and-delight' features like Ford's EasyFuel capless refueling nozzle and exclusive, compressor-driven refrigerated console.

Flex is built on the Taurus X platform, stretched five

inches for greater middle-seat space. An all-new, Flex-specific rear suspension is designed for hauling and load bearing — it can comfortably pull up to 1,900 kg.

Driving dynamics inspire confidence in corners, with a steering feel that is linear and intuitive. Pushing the vehicle to its limit in corners results in mild understeer with ample early warning so that it retains its composure.

But it's the Flex's unique, stand-alone styling that will first get peoples' attention. Peter Horbury, executive director of design for the Americas, called the styling a "radical departure" for Ford.

"At first we were uncom-

fortable with the way Flex could polarize, but its ability to compel an opinion, good or bad, was fascinating," he says. "It inspired us forward with courage to create a breakthrough design."

Strong shoulders and prominent wheel arches plant the car firmly on the road and set it over the standard 18-inch or available 19-in polished aluminum wheels. Brakes are four-wheel discs with ABS.

Darkened 'privacy glass' and black pillar cladding add intrigue. The roof, available in silver or white, heightens the effect.

Despite the darkened glass greenhouse, the interior is bright and airy with



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first rate fit and finish throughout. An available 'Vista' roof lightens and brightens the interior even more, and allows for individual brightness adjustment over the second- and third-row passenger positions. The forward panel opens to let in fresh air.

The SEL's standard equipment list is lengthy, with highlights including auto dual beam headlamps, capless fuelling, power-remote folding heated side mirrors, remote keyless entry, power windows, doors and locks, two-speed rear windshield wiper, multifunction centre console, A/C, full instrumentation, message centre with trip computer, four, 12-volt powerpoints, three rows of seats and safety/security features including electronic traction- and stability control front and side impact air bags with rollover sensor seat belt pretensioners and tire pressure monitoring.

It's time to start thinking about this winter.



Customers happier with dealer service: Survey

Customer satisfaction with dealer service has increased slightly among vehicle owners, compared with 2007, in part due to a continuing increase in the proportion of maintenance-related service visits versus repair-related visits, according to the J.D. Power and Associates 2008 Service

Usage and Retention Study (SURS).

The study, now in its 12th year, measures U.S. customer satisfaction of vehicle owners who visit a dealer service department for maintenance or repair work during the fourth or fifth years of ownership, which typically represents the period after the manu-

facturer's vehicle warranty expires.

Overall customer satisfaction is based on six factors (in order of importance): service initiation; service advisor; service quality; user-friendly service; service delivery; and in-service experience.

Overall satisfaction with

dealer service among original owners of four- and five-year-old vehicles averages 866 on a 1,000-point scale, up three points since 2007.

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Nissan takes fans to top gear

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Nissan Maxima owners and driving enthusiasts got the chance for a sneak-preview test drive of the all-new 2009 model in the Shift Into Gear Experience, a program held by Nissan Canada in early September.

The 2009 Maxima, Nissan's flagship sedan, has new styling, a refined platform, a more powerful V6 engine and a redesigned interior.

The exclusive program allowed participants to book test drives online at specific times for the event held at Nissan's headquarters in Mississauga, Ont.

Also on hand for up-close viewing were the 2009 GT-R and 2009 Titan SE, along with several other Nissan models available for test driving. The 2009 Murano and Versa, the 2008 350Z Roadster, Altima Coupe and Sedan, and the Sentra SER SpecV.

The opportunity to drive so many cars at one time meant that many partici-

pants lined up like kids queuing for a rollercoaster, waiting for yet another ride.

The new Maxima Sport and Premium models on offer remained the highlight. A standard test-drive route took about 20 minutes to navigate, with a few participants begging for a little extra time.

Demetrios Vandekas of Toronto was one such enthusiast. Currently the owner of a 2004 Maxima, he found a "great deal of difference" in the new Maxima.

In particular, he was impressed by the comfort of the seats. "I spend a lot of time in my car, driving as much as 40,000 to 45,000 kilometres a year. The seat extension is great – other cars are not long enough for a guy my size." The trim Vandekas stands six feet tall.

"The steering is feather-light," he noted, then was impressed as he noticed the paddle shift controls under the steering wheel in the Sport model he was testing.

"One of my favourite features in my '04 is the heated steering wheel," he added,



Drivers got the chance for a sneak-preview test drive of several of Nissan's latest models in the Shift Into Gear Experience, a program held by Nissan Canada recently.

and was told the feature is now standard in the 2009 models.

"It's odd that with the CVT transmission you don't feel the shifts," Vandekas noted. "It's silky-smooth, almost surreal. I've driven a lot of cars for

trips of a quite reasonable length, and it's the 3.5-litre engine that convinced me to stay with Nissan when I got my current vehicle."

Reliability is another factor that kept him loyal to Nissan (his previous vehicle was a Nissan pickup truck on which he put over 400,000 km). "I've not had a single issue with this car in 115,000 km," he says of his current Maxima.

"With this new model,

Nissan has done all the right things," Vandekas added as he stepped out of the car with a smile on his face. "My search for a new car this time around won't be as vast."

Michael Cole, who is in charge of fleet acquisitions for the Ontario government, had a different perspective on the day, as he wasn't shopping for a personal car. "We have several Nissans listed with our

fleet," he says.

"I found the new Maxima a nice car to drive. It's very comfortable. I like the design of the front end, and there appears to be increased visibility." He said he would check out the new model's fuel economy, improved with the 2009's CVT transmission.

Sean Ramsarran, who drove more than an hour to the event from his home in Waterloo, Ont., came specifically to test the new Maxima. He currently drives a 2005 model.

"It's been bullet-proof, very reliable, a great vehicle," he said.

He noted that he's never before bought the same model of a vehicle back to back, but the new Maxima may change that. "I commute to Mississauga daily with three others and they all like my car."

Jill Young, manager of product planning for Nissan Canada says, "The new Maxima is more responsive. We've improved the performance from 255 to 290 hp. Handling was improved with a shorter wheelbase. Also, the turning radius is a lot tighter."

Best of all, she added, "the CVT is a lot more fuel efficient. Even so, it's still a four-door sports car."

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called "liquid motion" by its designers, is a welcome departure from the bulbous look of the previous-generation Maxima.

The new seventh-generation Maxima is offered as one well-equipped model, the Maxima 3.5 SV, starting at \$37,900 with optional Sport (\$39,950) and Premium (\$41,050) packages to

which can be added optional Tech (\$42,400) and Navigation (\$43,150) packages.

The wheelbase has been shortened almost two inches and widened 1.5 inches for better agility and stability. As a result, the turning radius has been cut by almost a metre.

The updated 3.5-litre VQ-series V6 engine delivers 35 more horses (290 @ 6,400 rpm) than before and 251 lb-ft of torque, up nine lb-ft, yet it burns cleaner and overall is three per cent more fuel efficient. We averaged 9.0 L/100 km on a several hundred-kilometre test drives over highways and secondary roads without consciously striving for economical numbers.

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Casa Casuarina, the opulent Miami Beach palazzo formerly owned by Gianni Versace, right, may be most famous for the designer's tragic murder on its front steps. But the fabulous interior and grounds also deserve to be known. Peter Loftin, the current owner, plans to open Casa Casuarina to the public, saying Versace's home was simply "too magical a place not to be shared." Visits will set you back a princely \$50 US; casacasuarina.com.

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Sunning in a doomed paradise

The Maldives could be under water by the close of this century

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Every year, thousands of tourists come to the Maldives looking for fun, sun and a pina colada paradise. A tiny chain of islands in the Indian Ocean, just off the coast of Sri Lanka, the Maldives are rich with high-end resorts that promise beach-side relaxation far from the realities of urban living.

One thing many tourists might not know is that the Maldives may be disappearing.

In this palm-tree fringed haven, with over 200 inhabited islands, all is not well. At one metre above sea level, these islands are at risk of vanishing altogether. Its highest natural point is 2.3 metres, making the Maldives one of the lowest countries in the world. With global warming and rising sea levels, some expect the Maldives to disappear almost totally



A resort sits atop stilts in the Maldives, an atoll nation which is comprised of 1,192 islets.



A resort guest cycles to land.

by the end of this century. Touring the postcard-perfect islands, it's hard to imagine that, one day, this place may be obliterated from the map. I found myself at Soneva Gilli, an extravagant resort with villas that costs a whopping \$1,800 US a night. Here, everything seems normal.

"Under threat of extinction beneath the waves, it's not surprising that the Maldives was one of the first countries to sign up for Kyoto Protocol."

Drawing honeymooners, scuba divers and infidels on adulterous week-long retreats, this place is one of the most luxurious pads I've ever stayed in. But beyond the impeccable service and friendly staff, resorts like these are under threat of washing away.

As the ice caps melt, many are looking to islands like the Maldives as an indicator of what's to come for the rest of the world. Maldivian president

Maumoon Abdul Gayoom was reported as saying to the British media: "Whatever our fate tomorrow will be your fate the day after."

Under threat of extinction beneath the waves, it's not surprising that the Maldives was one of the first countries to sign up for Kyoto Protocol.

BBC reports that the country has implemented reforestation programs, is working to protect its nat-

Eco-tourism tips

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- Conserve water and opt out of having your towels and sheets washed daily.
- Drink water that's desalinated at your resort, instead of imported bottled water.
- Don't buy tourist souvenirs made from animals or plant products.

products.
• Stay at hotels with strong environmental policies.
• Look for sustainable tour operators who care about environmental protection.

JULIA DIMON/FOR METRO CANADA

ural coral barrier and is teaching environmental science in schools.

A trip to Male, the capital city, shows huge cement breakwaters that protect the shores; but despite all efforts, the fate of

the country's 380,000 citizens remains uncertain. It has many people asking — Will the Maldives become a modern Atlantis?

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Macdonald talk cancelled

Due to illness, Euan Macdonald has cancelled his public talk scheduled for tomorrow night at the Saint Mary's University Art Gallery. Macdonald's work everthinghappensatonce is on display at the gallery until Sunday. METRO HALIFAX

Entertainment

Fey's book deal

Tina Fey has signed a book deal with Little, Brown Book Group. There is no official word on how much she will be pocketing for her work — pitched as more humour than memoir. PEOPLE.COM

Kid-lit hits and misses

Translating fantasy books into films not child's play

PHIL BROWN
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For years, children's fantasy was considered box office poison. Movies like Jim Henson's Dark Crystal and brilliant animator Ralph Bakshi's 1978 adaptation of The Lord of the Rings failed in theaters despite the constant support of fantasy novels amongst an enthusiastic Elfish-speaking fan base.

That all changed in 2001 with the unparalleled commercial success of Peter Jackson's The Lord of the Rings and the first Harry Potter film. Now the genre dominates Hollywood and audiences are constantly being treated to films like The Chronicles of Narnia, The Golden Compass or

this week's City of Ember. The studios now view the genre as a cash cow, but sadly it has not been as consistent as they hoped. There have been few monster hits outside of the Potter and Rings films, which has led many to question what makes these movies work.

The answer is quite simple. The studios have predominantly treated these properties as large-scale ATM machines and put very little creative effort into developing them.

The Golden Compass — the film that killed New Line Studios — was handed off to American Pie helmer Chris Weitz, who struggled with the material along with his lost actors.

Similarly, the dwindling success of the Narnia fran-

chise can be associated with the personality-less cinematic transcribing of Andrew Adamson. For any book to work on screen the original work has to be altered dramatically to fit the new medium. Sadly, this rarely happens.

Peter Jackson took huge liberties his Lord of the Rings adaptations and the films worked beautifully as a result. Likewise, much of the success of the Harry Potter franchise has to be attributed to brilliant screenwriter Steve Kloves's (The Fabulous Baker Boys) uncanny ability to condense and alter J.K. Rowling's texts for the screen.

This week's City of Ember boasts a script from underrated writer Caroline Thompson (Edward Scissorhands) and direction



Bill Murray plays Mayor Cole in the film adaptation of City of Ember. It opens in theatres on Friday.

from Gil Kenan, who was responsible for the brilliant kiddie horror picture Monster House.

The team knows how to tell cinematic stories for children and should do a

fine job translating French author Jeanne Duprau's apocalyptic kid-lit for the big screen.

Unfortunately, their movie comes after a string of fantasy flops and will be

unceremoniously dumped into theatres. Hopefully audiences will discover it, because this is a tricky genre to get right and all successful attempts deserve recognition.

Super Spellers getting emotional

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TELEVISION There can be joy in competition, and there can be sorrow. Canada's Super Speller is no different.

"When two kids were eliminated (on Monday), they were crying. There were tears all over the place," said the show's host Evan Solomon. "Even some of the other kids who watched them get eliminated were crying. It's really emotional out there."

The Top 12 finalists for Canada's Super Speller arrived in Wolfville this past weekend as the show, produced by Halifax Film, is in the final week of competition. The show is searching for Canada's best young speller — an honour that comes with a \$20,000 RE-SP.

Taping for the show takes place daily through Friday from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at Wolfville's Festival Theatre. The show will be aired in prime time on CBC at a later date.

Tapings began Monday with two competitors being eliminated each day, leading to Friday's four-person finale. Contestants are tested on basic spelling, but also in word scrambles and speed-

spelling rounds.

"They are pretty fiercely competitive," said Solomon, also the co-host on CBC News: Sunday. "These are now the best of the best. You really see a difference, even from the regional finals. They are just incredible spellers."

The finalists, ages 10 to 12, each survived three levels of competition to make the finals.

Nova Scotia is represented by Port Hawkesbury's Claudine Brouard, who made it through Monday's round and was hoping for the same result in yesterday's taping.

"It is harder. There is a lot more competition in the finals," the 12-year-old said. "I hope I do my best."

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Former American Idol contestant Paris Bennett welcomed a baby girl, named Egypt Bennett, at 3:36 p.m. Monday, her rep said. The baby's father chooses to be out of the public eye. [PEOPLE.COM](#)

Shows die but new ones are born

GOING AWAY, COMING SOON:

The new TV season is technically barely two weeks old and we're already counting the dead and expecting babies.

Actress Minnie Driver is using her MySpace page to introduce her new baby to the world — she's been a lot less open about the identity of the father — which means she'll have plenty to occupy her now that FX has cancelled *The Riches*, her actually-quite-good show with comedian Eddie Izzard. The show's strike-truncated second season ended last April, and the woefully-undersung series has been on critical status since then.

TBS has ordered a third season of *My Boys*, a show I was certain hadn't survived its first, and *The Mentalist* was given an order of six new episodes by CBS, filling out its first season to a full 22 shows, and almost ensuring that the show — one of the few titles even resembling a hit on the so-called Tiffany network — will be back again next year.

IntelleVision

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HBO has given a green light to season six of *Entourage*, apparently pleased with the current season's surge in ratings, Jeremy Piven's third Emmy in a row, and the critical consensus that the show's shaped up after what was considered to be a flabby fourth season. It also needs to be pointed out that, besides the odd miniseries, HBO doesn't have a lot else going on right now.

FX has renewed *Sons Of Anarchy*, a series about an outlaw biker gang that I had never heard of until now, but which pulled in a cumulative audience of 5.4 million total viewers per episode since its debut early last month, totalling up from multiple weekly broadcasts, according to a TV Week story.

"I think the underlying



FX has cancelled *The Riches*, Minnie Driver's actually-quite-good show with comedian Eddie Izzard.

themes of family and the common man's fight against oppressive corporate greed has grabbed people's attention," said Kurt Sutter, husband of *Sons Of Anarchy* star Katey Sagal and an executive producer of the show.

Now there's an idea — solve the current fiscal meltdown by putting the economy in the hands of the Hell's Angels; those

last month, will apparently be joined by *The Booths*, a Showtime series executive produced by Kevin Bacon, about the "dysfunctional relationship" between Lincoln's killer and his brother, according to a Variety story.

If this trend has wings, look for quality cable series featuring the backstories of Lee Harvey Oswald, Sirhan Sirhan, John Hinckley Jr., Lynette "Squeaky" Fromme, Arthur Bremer, Charles Guiteau and Leon Czolgosz.

At least one will be a comedy, two will star Harvey Keitel, and one will be a musical that will unexpectedly include a hit song that will feature in future montage sequences taking a nostalgic look back at the events of the last half of the first decade of the 21st century, much the way *Disco Inferno* is the soundtrack for looks back at the Carter era.

Don't ask me how I know — I just do.

Rick McGinnis writes about music, movies, books and television, but not opera.

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	9	9	9	CJCH	etalk	Hollywood	So You Think You Can Dance Canada	The top 20, (N)	CSI: NY "Turbulence" (N)	News (N)				
	10	10	10	ELTV	EastLink Mag.	Welcome	Fuelin' Around	Build It (N)	Doc Talk	The Job Zone	EastLink Television			
	36	36	36	FOX	Deal-No Deal	The Simpsons	Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	Bones (HDTV PA) (N)	Til Death	Til Death	Fox First		
	12	12	12	NBC	News (N)	NBC News	Hollywood	Extra (N)	Knight Rider (HDTV) (N)	The Biggest Loser: Families	Lipstick Jungle			
	29	29	29	NW	World News	Your Turn With Stéphanie Dion	Canada Votes: The X Challenge (N)	Express en péril ** (1995, Action) Steven Seagal	Bridging the Racial Divide	Latinos '08 (HDTV) (N)	Journey-Earth			
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	23	96	96	BNN	Business News	Headline	Market Call	Commodities	Workopolis TV	Factories	Squeeze Play	Market Call		
	18	18	18	CNN	(5) The Situation Room	Lou Dobbs Tonight	CNN Election Center	Larry King Live	Futura	Prank Patrol	Mystery Hnt.			
	54	54	54	GOLF	Big Break X: Michigan	Big Break X: Michigan	Inside PGA	Golf Central	60 in 30 (N)	The Approach	School of Golf			
	52	52	52	RSE	MLB Baseball	American League Division Series Game 5 – Chicago White Sox at Tampa Bay Rays. (Live)				MLB Baseball: ALDS				
sports	55	55	55	SCOR	Hockey Talk	Game On	RaceNight			Score Tonight				
	45	45	45	SPD	One Way Whips	Pinks	Pass Time	Am. Thunder	Am. Thunder	Pinks (HDTV)	Pinks Outtakes	Wrecked		
	53	53	53	TSN	Off the Record	SportsCentre	That's Hockey!	Interruption	NHL on TSN Season Preview (Live)			SportsCentre		
	43	43	43	FAM	Zoey 101	Life Derek	Wizards-Place	That's-Raven	Zack & Cody	Natural-Sadie	Han. Montana	Life Derek		
	44	44	44	TOON	World of Quest	Johnny Test	George-Jungle	Bugs Bunny & Tweety Show	Green	Total Drama	Futurama	The Critic (N)		
	26	26	26	TREE	Max & Ruby	Backyardigans	Wonder Pets	Night Grdn	Friend Rabbit	Franklin	Little Bear	Miss Spide	Comfy Couch	
	27	27	27	YTV	Drake & Josh	iCarly	Malcolm-Mid.	Home Improve.	Malcolm-Mid.	Fresh Prince	Futura	Prank Patrol	Mystery Hnt.	
	16	16	16	A&E	Cold Case Files (HDTV)	CSI: Miami (HDTV)	Dog the Bounty Hunter	Bounty Hunter	Bounty Hunter	Bounty Hunter	Bounty Hunter	Jacked: Theft		
	70	70	70	APTN	News	Canadian Geographic	Reel Insight			APTN National News: Contact (N)				
	50	50	50	BET	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live	Rhymes. (Live)	Access	Movie Special	Somebodies	Somebodies	Comic View			
	37	37	37	BRVO	Street Legal	Desperate Housewives	Berkley	Bravo!Videos	Windfield	Letters	Arts & Minds			
	60	97	97	CLT	Mysterious Ways	Judging Amy	A Change of Place (1994, Drama) Rick Springfield	Corner Gas	The Simpsons	South Park	Lewis Black			
	25	25	25	CMT	CMT's Greatest (N)	Anne Murray: One on One	Home Improve.	Home Improve.	Reba	Reba	Hope & Faith			
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	153	153	153	COURT	A Struggle for Justice	The Investigators	Cops Uncut	Dumb Criminal	Declassified	Investigators				
	38	38	38	DISC	How It's Made	How It's Made	Cash Cab (N)	Factory Made	Monster Moves (N)	Mayday				
	34	48	48	HGTV	Holmes on Homes	House Hunters	Property Virgin	Mansions	The Stagers	Property Virgin	Unsellable	\$1M Listing		
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	48	23	23	OLN	The Amazing Race 3	Ed's Up	Videos	The Amazing Race 13	Ed's Up	Adventures	Word Travels			
	51	51	51	PEACH	Seinfeld	Friends	House-Payne	House-Payne	Vertical Limit ** (2000, Suspense)	Chris O'Donnell, Bill Paxton.				
	209	206	206	PIX	(6:10) The Deep (1977)	(8:15) Harrison Bergeron (1995, Science Fiction)			Halloween H2O: 20 Years Later (1998)					
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	39	39	39	SHOW	EastEnders	Saxondale	Kink in Hair	Kink in Hair	Billable Hours	Durham County	The Riches			
	40	40	40	SILICE	Matchmaker	Til Deb-Part	End of Leash	ET Canada	Last 10	Bulging Brides	Housewives			
	47	47	47	SPACE	Stargate SG-1 (DVS)	Lost "Deus Ex Machina"	Star Trek: Deep Space Nine	Battlestar Galactica						
	14	14	14	SPIKE	CSI: Crime Scene Invstgn.	The Ellen DeGeneres Show	TMZ (N)	UFC Unleashed (N)	Ult. Fighter					
	57	98	98	STAR	FashionTech	Look-A-Like	Jon & Kate	Paris Hilton's My New BFF	Tonight Show					
	21	21	21	TLC	What Not to Wear	Jon & Kate	Jon & Kate	Jon & Kate	Jon & Kate	Jon & Kate				
	56	34	34	TROP	Reality	Ad Persuasion	Beverly Hills, 90210	Reality	What Happen?	Family Guy	Seinfeld			
	20	20	20	TV5	Side Effects	Toute une histoire	Murder, She Wrote	Summer Wine	No Place Like	Darling Buds of May	Enigma			
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	22	22	22	W	Shopping Bags	Style by Jury	Will & Grace	Friends	Grocery	What You Eat	Supersize vs. Superskinny (N)	Gok's Fashion		
	251	251	251	WGN	Be-Millionaire	Evening News	Two/Half Men	Family Guy	America's Next Top Model (N)	90210 (HDTV)	WGN News			

critics'corner

Little Mosque on the Prairie

Amaar! Come back, Amaar! In this new episode, the young imam (Zain Shahrak) leaves Mercy to return to Toronto and ponder his future in the wake of J.J.'s (Stephen Lobo) proposal to Rayyan (Sitara Hewitt). Yasir (Carlo Rota) tries to persuade him to return, but this may be easier said than done. 8 PM on CBC



Zoey Deutch

For medicinal purposes only — Addison and Sam (Kate Walsh, Taylor Prentiss) stage a coup in order to bring the practice out of bankruptcy, while Violet's (Amy Brenneman) friendship with Cooper (Paul Adelstein) is on the brink of extinction. Then, a couple fights for an unethical treatment at Oceanside Wellness. 10 PM on ABC ASN

Lipstick Jungle

Nico (Kim Raver) has a lot on her mind as she butts heads with the new chief executive officer, Griffin Bell (James Lesure), and Kirby (Robert Buckley) complicates matters when he insists on taking their relationship public. Meanwhile, things are heating up quickly for Victory and her new contractor, Rodrigo (Lindsay Price, Carlos Ponce), but Joe (Andrew McCarthy) keeps interrupting in the new episode "Chapter 10: Let It Be." 11 PM on NBC

REUTERS

In brief

SERIES Meet The Washington-ettes. Rachael Taylor, Amanda Walsh and Bitsie Tulloch have landed the female leads in HBO's comedy pilot from Sex and the City star Sarah Jessica Parker.

MOVIES Forget the fanboys and their comic-book movies, it's time to hail a long-neglected fan base — the mature women who kept Mamma Mia! on top in the international market for the fifth week in a row. Mamma Mia! lifted its foreign gross to \$377 million.

REUTERS

Harrelson set for superhero role

Woody Harrelson is set to become the latest actor to play a superhero on the big screen. He'll portray the delusional Defendor in a new movie that starts shooting in Toronto next month. [IMDB.COM](#)

**entertainment 23****Celebrity Buzz**

Kidman talks motherhood

FAMILY Becoming a mother at a later age has been rewarding for Nicole Kidman, but it's also bittersweet, People.com reports.

"At 41, it's a more painful love," she tells November's Elle about the July birth of her daughter, Sunday Rose. "It's almost like my heart is stretching; I'm feeling all these muscles stretch with emotion. It's a beautiful love but there's a lot of fear and pain for her life, and for Bella's and Connor's life."

One person who helps Kidman deal with the pain is husband Keith Urban, with

whom Kidman says she shares a "profound" love.

"I didn't foresee it," she says, "that you can meet someone who you have a deep and more profound love with. You move into a stage where you're able to be a more fuller person in your relationship."

But former husband Tom Cruise shouldn't take Kidman's comment as a slight. "I don't want to take away from 11 years with that man that were really important," she says. "Really, for our kids — they were amidst a lot of love. It wasn't bad."

Kidman tells Elle that she doesn't regret marrying Cruise when she was only 22 years old.

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Ramsay targets Prince Charles

PEOPLE Chef Gordon Ramsay has a new target for his famous temper: Prince Charles, People.com reports.

The Hell's Kitchen star, who has notched up 12 Michelin stars and a string of successful restaurants, has condemned some of the prince's line of organic produce for being "boring" and "processed."

The Prince, 59, established Duchy Originals to market a wide range of organic foods — from oatmeal crackers to meat.

But Ramsay, 41, tells the magazine of the U.K.'s Daily Telegraph, "I am upset with him. When I looked at his Duchy food I was gobsmacked, amazed, dumbfounded at what

I discovered."

Just what exactly is giving Ramsay these new Kitchen Nightmares?

"The number of sodiums, and the sugar content, is

embarrassing," he said, also knocking the line's high prices. "It's boring, processed food. I don't think the Royals should be producing food like that, even if the profits do go to charity."

Duchy Originals' boss Andrew Baker fought back on Monday, saying they were "proud" of "selling top quality, delicious products made from wholesome, natural ingredients, grown in a sustainable way."

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Duchovny out of rehab

ON THE MEND David Duchovny has checked out of a rehabilitation centre for sex addiction, according to his lawyer, Stanton "Larry" Stein, People.com reports.

"David is out of rehab and about to start a new movie," Stein says. "He successfully completed his treatment."

The actor, 48, voluntarily entered a facility to treat the addiction in August.

Duchovny has been married to actress Téa Leoni since 1997. They have two children, daughter Madelaine West, 9, and son Kyd, 6.

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**celebrity briefs**

Driver posts baby photo

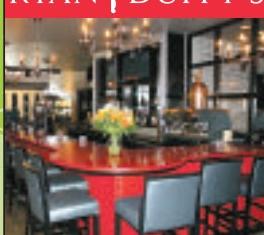
PEOPLE Actress Minnie Driver has snubbed the opportunity to show off her newborn son Henry in a celebrity magazine spread. She's posted her own photograph online, [imdb.com](#) reports.

Driver, 38, gave birth to little Henry Story Driver in Los Angeles last month. Instead of selling pictures of the infant to the highest bidder, she's chosen to share them with fans and friends on her MySpace.com page free of charge.

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by Joe O'Neill

W oody Allen once said that life doesn't imitate art, it imitates bad television. Turns out he was right.

David Duchovny, who stars in California as a sex addict, has checked out of sex rehab. Ladies, Internet providers, knotholes, and still-warm cherry pies beware. He's now ready to start a new movie. One can hope it's not of the homemade sex tape variety.

I've heard that the second hardest thing about sex addiction is admitting that you have a problem. The third hardest thing about it must be realizing that this is what it takes these days for a husband and father of two to promote his career, because the talk show circuit is so 20th Century. They tried to make him hype his T.V. show, he said 'Yes, yes, yes.'

The questions that dominated water coolers and Internet forums when Duchovny went in for treatment in August are now bound to be revisited. Allow me to recap. Can a predilection for a biological imperative really be considered an addiction? If sex addiction means being unable to concentrate on anything but sex all day, shouldn't most 16-year-old boys be in rehab?

The truth, much like David Duchovny's ding-a-ling, is out there, apparently all too often.

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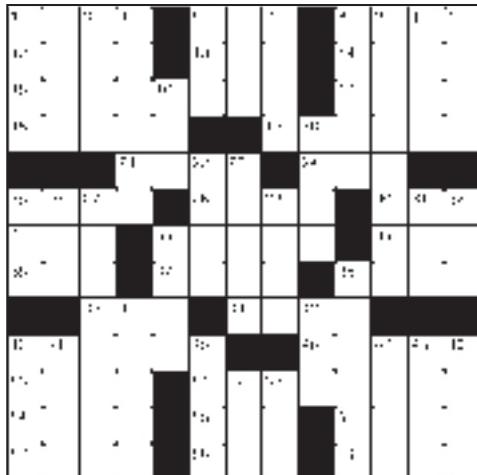


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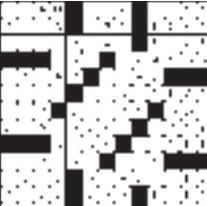
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5 Scenery chewer 35 Once around the track
8 Cinematographer Nykvist 36 And so on (Abbr.)
12 Sandwich cookie 37 Secular
13 Longoria or Mendes 38 Crooked
14 Out of kilter 39 Eventual ayes
15 Music lover's buy 41 Burn somewhat
17 Egyptian bird 43 Chef's' garb
18 Bizarre 46 It becomes igneous rock
19 Solvent derived from petroleum 50 Parliament title
21 Government overthrow 51 Swanson product
24 Exploit 54 Drench
25 Lotion additive 55 Rowing need
28 Colorado ski mecca 56 It can be raw
30 Pair 57 Earthenware pot
33 Moo goo gai pan pan 58 Thickness
34 Mop

Crossword down

- 1 Couturier Chanel 26 Parcel of land
2 Language of Pakistan 27 Gunfight site
3 Credit card result 29 Small measure
4 Origin 31 Pale
5 Coop dweller 32 Make up your mind
6 "Hail, Caesar!" 34 Blueprint
7 "You Bet Your Life" host 38 Cattle markings
8 "Red — in the Sunset" 40 Stinger ingredient
9 Rabbit's cousin? 42 Parisian pal
10 Ms. Brockovich 43 As well
11 Wall St. initials 44 Combine resources
16 Old Olds 45 Cease
20 Christmas 47 Chew persistently
22 Eye layer 48 Transcending (Pref.)
23 "War of the Worlds" aftermath 49 Bedouin
25 Idolater's emotion 52 Actor Kilmer
53 Parched

PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:



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SUDOKU SOLVE TIME:
Under 13 minGenius 17-21 minSmart
13-17 minScholar 21-25 minNot bad
25+ minKeep practising

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Horoscopes

ARIES
MARCH 21-APRIL 20

An emotional burden needs closure. Keep your feet planted on the ground. Friends are waiting for promises to be kept.

LIBRA
SEPT 23-OCT 23

A man faces a tedious ordeal. Someone wants to take a break. Others are living in denial. You can accomplish more by concentrating.

TAURUS
APRIL 21-MAY 21

Someone can't get you out of his mind. No one can concentrate because confusion reigns. Focus on taking care of some details immediately.

SCORPIO
OCT 24-NOV 22

Blessings will come in odd little packages. Scolding will cause misery. You'll help to stabilize a situation.

GEMINI
MAY 22-JUNE 21

A woman's sense of right and wrong is offensive. A man feels forced to take on the world. You're able to fulfill plans, and bring things to conclusion.

SAGITTARIUS
NOV 23-DEC 21

Deception can cause suffering. A con artist wants to tell someone to get lost. Someone's sad lot in life doesn't interest you.

CANCER
JUNE 22-JULY 22

Somebody's hostility will make you self-conscious. There's no need to feel sorry for yourself. You must reply to a message from a selfish person.

CAPRICORN
DEC 22-JAN 20

Frustration results from interference. Someone tells you something you don't want to know. A frightened person discourages a grumbler.

LEO
JULY 23-AUG 23

Strengthen your emotional connection with your family. You can thwart criticism by taking action. Declarations of love will be well received.

AQUARIUS
JAN 21-FEB 18

Others will go along with your plans without a fuss. You are calm about facing a difficulty alone. Someone begs your permission to do something.

VIRGO
AUG 24-SEPT 22

A disclosure causes dizzy anticipation. Simple pleasures will become complicated. You can create a dramatic event.

PISCES
FEB 19-MARCH 20

A delightful person complicates a wonderful situation. Nobody knows how mischievous you've been. Don't be too friendly with an emotional vampire.

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This day in history

OCT. 8, 1582: Because of the implementation of the Gregorian calendar this day does not exist in this year in Italy, Poland, Portugal and Spain.

OCT. 8, 1871: Four major fires break out on the shores of Lake Michigan in Chicago, Peshtigo, Wisconsin, Holland, Michigan, and Manistee, Michigan.

OCT. 8, 1932: The Indian Air Force is established.

OCT. 8, 1967: Guerrilla leader Che Guevara and his men are captured in Bolivia.

OCT. 8, 1991: The Croatian Parliament cuts all remaining ties with Yugoslavia.

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TRÉ ARMSTRONG JUDGE

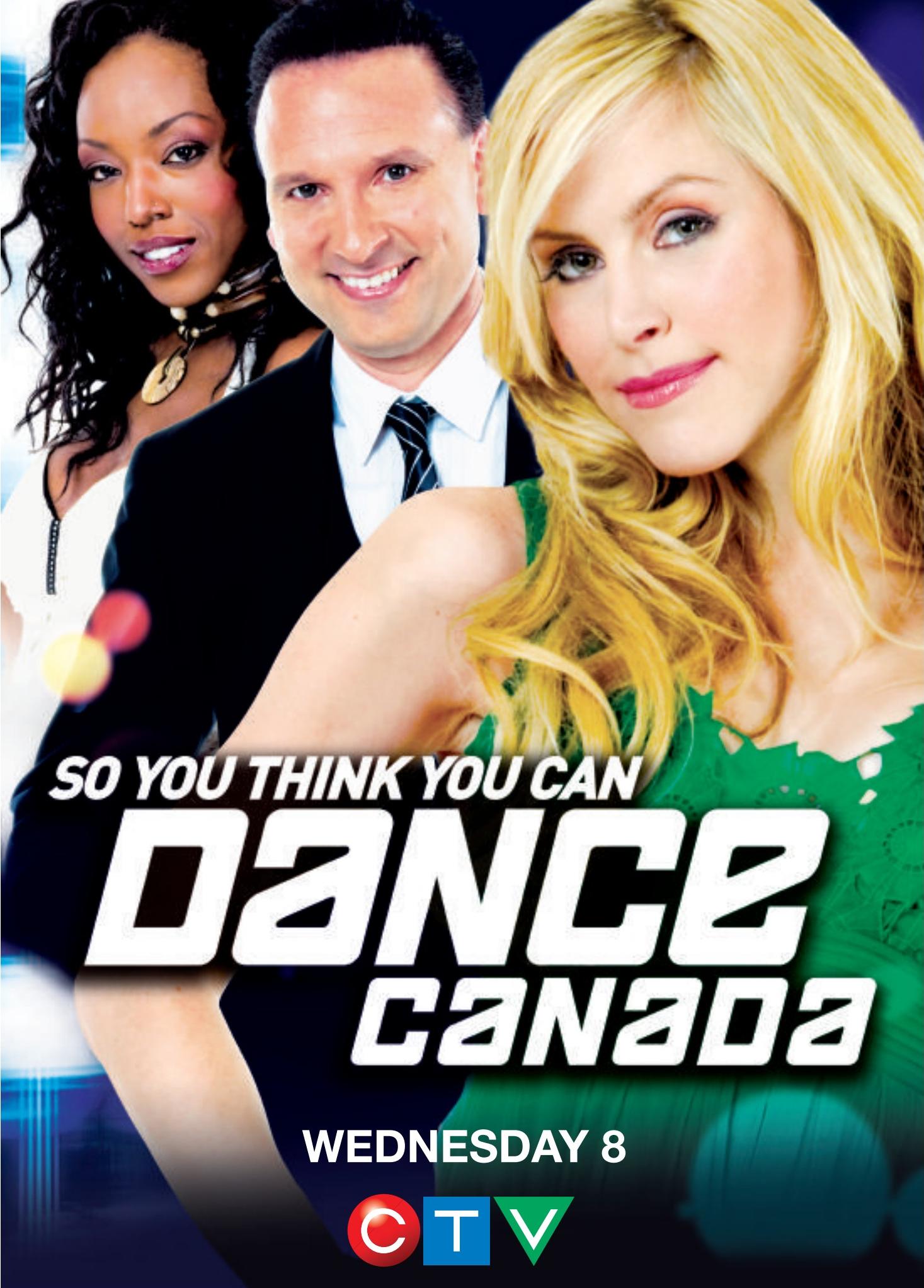
Armstrong's technical training and flare for urban street dance shaped her into a multi-talented dancer, actress and choreographer. She has appeared on *Top O the Pops*, *Canadian Idol*, BET's *106 & Park* and *The MTV Video Music Awards*. Celebrities Armstrong has worked with include: Rhianna, Sean "Diddy" Combs, Kreesha Turner, Jay-Z, Hillary Duff and Missy Elliot. Armstrong's feature role in *Breakin' In: The Making of a Hip Hop Dancer* lead to her acting debut as Candy in *Save the Last Dance 2*. She also plays Michelle, lead actress in the MTV/Paramount dance feature, and Sundance Film Festival hit, *How She Move*.

JEAN MARC GENEREUX JUDGE

Quebec's Jean Marc Genereux began dancing at age 10 with his partner, and now wife, France Mousseau. In the early 1980's they began dancing the International style of ballroom. Together, as National Champions, they have won multiple dance competitions and events - performing as dance artists all over the world from Asia and Australia to Europe and America. Genereux and Mousseau retired from the competitive scene in 1998, however, the two still travel all over the world to perform, as well as judge and choreograph for elite competitors. Genereux performed in the films *Dance With Me* and *Shall We Dance*, with Jennifer Lopez and Richard Gere. In 2006, Genereux joined the cast of the American version of *So You Think You Can Dance* as a choreographer.

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